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Some of the young folks are sensible in some particulars and "unsensible" in many others.

We should pray early and often and we should work in the same way. Some lazy folks expect to get money by praying for it.

Some of our subscribers are remembering us and sending in their subscriptions. We certainly are remembering them.

Some of the Northern cities now look like southern ones. Colored folks have gone there in droves and they took with them their southern looks and customs.

When some folks are single, they want to get married and when some folks are married, they want to get single again.

It is said, you reap what you sow, but this is not always the case and that is why some people are so hard-headed. They expect to dodge the consequences of their folly.

Theatres are more popular with some people than churches. When sickness comes and "the gates ajar" are heaving in sight, the churches are more popular with this same class of people than theatres. But sometimes, it is too late.

Hon. C. H. Payne, formerly of Huntington, West Virginia, is now a full-fledged attorney-at-law, having resigned his position as United States Minister to the Danish West Indian Islands. He has located at St. Thomas, and is doing well. We regret to have lost him to the United States, as he is one of the ablest citizens of color in the country. We wish him success in his new field of labor. He conducted the affairs of his office with credit to himself and honor to the government that he so faithfully represented.

We received from Rev. W. B. Reed, D. D., of Hartford, Conn., a copy of his very able report as chairman of the Committee on the State of the Country to the New England Baptist Convention. The report is exhaustive and impressive and ranks among the best of the kind ever read to any body of people in this country.

A most remarkable case of arbitrary arrest has just been brought to the attention of JUSTICE MAURICE, the well-known South Richmond dispenser of justice. CHASTINE MORRIS was the victim. Here is the extract taken from the news columns of the Richmond (Va.) News Leader of November 24, 1917.

Chastine Morris, colored, who was discovered last night by Detective Sergeant Kellam standing by a show case in front of the store of Burnett Lewis, 117 East Broad street, which had just been broken open by smashing a pane of glass, was sentenced to ninety days on the charge of breaking open the case with intent to commit larceny. —News Leader, November 24, 1917.

It is alleged that MORRIS was standing by the show case that had been smashed. Just why anyone would

presume that the person who smashed it would have remained by the side of the case that he had smashed, to be arrested, is the mystery. The proprietor of the store seems to have been unaware of the arrest until his attention was called to the publication in the newspaper.

He announced that the show-case had been broken some time before, and that no goods had been stolen. He proceeded to inform JUSTICE MAURICE of the facts in the case, and the indications are that MORRIS will be released from custody.

MR. STRAUS' RECOGNITION.

You may say what you will the sentiment of the country is setting in steadily in our favor. The misrepresentation of fifty years is slowly, but surely giving away in this face the patriotism displayed by the loyal colored people of these United States. Announcement is now made that Hon. Nathan Straus, who is campaigning to raise \$1,000,000 in this country for welfare work among the Jews in national service entertained fifty colored soldiers from the National Army's Camp Upton at his home in New York on Thanksgiving Day. He gave as his reason for doing this that it was one way of showing impartiality in welfare work, which he had emphasized ought not to be confined to aiding men of one race or color.

All colored folks have to do is to continue to trust God and believe in the principles of eternal justice. If we will deserve right treatment and be careful of our conduct, God will not only raise up white friends for us, but will imbue them with the courage to speak in our behalf. Already, we see conditions changing from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf. Let us first deserve right treatment and merit fair play and the blessings of liberty in this Republic will surely be ours, if we press onward and faint not.

THE FIGHT IN BOSTON.

The ways of the legal machinery in this country at the present time are past finding out. Rank injustice rears its head in the alleged courts of justice and men persecuted with race prejudice and innate meanness vent their spleen upon the helpless from behind the goddess of Justice herself. These thoughts came to us when we read of the attempts now being made to secure the return of John Johnson, colored to West Virginia.

Governor McCall, who seems to be permeated by the spirit of justice and actuated by the highest motives recently refused to honor a requisition for the return of a colored man, named John Johnson, who was charged with assaulting a white girl. The gentleman sent to West Virginia to investigate the affair reported to the Governor that Johnson's life would be jeopardized by his return to West Virginia. He also expressed the opinion that Johnson was not guilty. Upon this report, His Excellency declined to honor the requisition papers.

Not to be outdone, the Department of Justice at Washington proceeded to delve into the case, and indictment was returned by a United States Grand Jury, charging John Johnson with violating the Mann White Slave Act by the transportation of a white girl from Charleston, West Virginia to Catlettsburg, Kentucky for alleged immoral purposes. The charge is too ridiculous for even a feeble minded person to consider. With the Jim Crow law in force in Kentucky, how could Johnson have been guilty of such conduct?

Moreover, not even a lunatic among our people would think of carrying a white girl to Kentucky for any purpose. To do so would be to enter up on a direct route to heaven or to the other place for hemp is plentiful in Kentucky and men to pull it may be found on every crossroad or at every corner. But this is the subterfuge, by which to secure Johnson's return to West Virginia. Hon. William H. Lewis, that very able ex-assistant United States Attorney General has charge of the case. The staging of this "play" will be transferred to a United States Court in Boston and there it will be determined, whether or not Johnson is to be returned to West Virginia upon a White Slave charge and after he gets there tried on another.

If he can be gotten back into the State upon any charge the State authorities will immediately proceed to hold him under the original indictment upon which the demand was made upon the Governor of Massachusetts. If the colored folks of Boston furnish the money, it will be "a mighty long time" before John Johnson will reach the capital of West Virginia. Colored folks are having a hard time of it with one class of white folks and they are being sturdily defended by another class of the same race of people.

DR. JUDKINS AND THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTIONS.

Rev. R. C. JUDKINS, D. D., pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of Jersey City, New Jersey, is having the time of his life in an attempt to unite the two warring factions of the National Baptist Convention. He makes a most powerful appeal for unification and harmony. No Baptist, having the welfare of the denomination at heart, can fail to sympathize with him in his efforts. If the reports as sent out from Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Atlanta, Georgia, were true, it would seem that harmony would be the worst thing that could happen to the two organizations, for both bodies claimed to have done more work and raised more money with disunion than was ever done or raised during the palmiest days of the old organization.

Of course, we have our private opinion as to the true value of both reports. The first step towards securing harmony would be to get Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D. and Rev. E. C. MORRIS, D. D., on the opposite side of a table and find out just how far each would go and just what each would be willing to concede. The next step would be to get the friends of these two leaders in a similar position. The next step would be the elimination of PRESIDENT E. C. MORRIS as President of the incorporated body, and PRESIDENT E. P. JONES as President of the unincorporated body. The next step should be the union of the two publishing houses under one head, both as the property of the one recognized national body, with or without either of the Boyds in control.

To secure this result on the part of PRESIDENT MORRIS, it should be a task to raise the full amount of money due him and to agree upon a successor agreeable to him and his friends. It should be understood that he was not being forced out, but that the desire expressed by him for many years that he be permitted to retire in an honorable manner be realized. If Rev. DR. JUDKINS can find five Baptists in the United States, either laymen or pulpites, or both, who can accomplish this task, then the solution of the difficulties will be at hand. If the Baptists of the country realize that the leaders on both sides are antagonistic to this plan, then they "should sit down on their haunches" and let both organizations "go to the devil," where both are now fast travelling. *Selah!*

Bristol Notes.

Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Nov. 17.—Mr. Brown, from Chattanooga, Tenn., was visiting home folks today.

Mr. Samuel Banks spent Sunday morning at Big Creek, Tenn.

The revival meeting that has been going on at the Lee Street Baptist Church closed Sunday night after three weeks. The meeting was a great success and many souls were saved and quite a number were school children.

In sad, but loving remembrance of Acie Dulaney, the sister of Mrs. Mary Hazzard, Mrs. Nora Franklin, Grace Luella Dulaney, who departed this life Thursday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hazzard on McQuarry street. Miss Acie Dulaney was a bright and energetic young woman. She was a member of Hood's Memorial Church and a faithful member and a past officer in the Bristol Court of Calanthe. She was a young lady who demanded the highest regard of those whom she came in contact with. She leaves to mourn their loss, five sisters and a host of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Maria James and sister, Mrs. Robertson left for Florida last Thursday, where they will spend the Winter.

Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Maria Jay and brother wish to thank the K. D. S. No. 1 for their kindness during their mother's illness and for being prompt in paying the death claim when she died, October. The mother, Mrs. Emma Christian lived on Oak street.

—C. B. B.

NOTES FROM TREHERNSVILLE.

Trehernsville, Va., Nov. 25.—Mr. John H. Johnson, one of our thrifty farmers made a good hit last summer on potatoes and has purchased a new home here. He will move soon. His sale the 15th inst., of his surplus farming utensils and teams netted him \$2,000.

Antioch Baptist Sunday School turned out full in the morning and in the afternoon a live covenant meeting was had. This was our pastor's day at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ward Town, Va. and leaving early he made a flying trip to one of our missions in Ocochee Neck, which is being conducted by Licentiate George Burton.

The pastor finds this Mission in excellent condition and has hopes of a splendid Church being raised down in this neck.

The Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, of Trehernsville, Rev. A. R. Montague, pastor gave their harvest feast last night, and Auctioneer, Deacon William Black, of Antioch Baptist Church, made \$36 worth of sales. The life of the occasion was one Edward Warren, a member, who had made one dollar and every time he would make a bid some one would run him off.

FAIRMVILLE NEWS.

Farmville, Va., November 25.—There was a joint meeting at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, November 18th, of the Race Street Baptist Church, A. M. E. and the above named Church. This meeting was called by Dr. Winston, Mr. V. Valden Mr. R. K. Brock and others. The object was to put before the colored citizens the needs and the appeal of the United States Government for money to aid in establishing a Y. M. C. A. among the young men in the training camps, France and in the German prison camps.

The quota for Prince Edward county is \$3,340. The white citizens have already raised \$3,000. The colored people were asked to raise \$300. Dr. Jarman and Mr. V. Valden made the need of this work very plain. The Y. M. C. A. will help to make a home-like air exist in the camps. He pictured the foreman conditions that must exist in France and in Germany, when the soldiers and sailor boys are landed, unable to speak a dialect intelligible to the natives or to understand theirs. Strangers in a strange land. It is not strange that after the conditions were depicted that \$215 was pledged. We hope to swell that amount to the required \$300.

A committee was appointed to make house to house visits to solicit subscriptions and to give every person in the community a chance to do his bit, thus making it a community movement.

The Rev. Holbrook, pastor of the Episcopal Church fully explained the working of the Red Cross. This organization is of as much importance as the Y. M. C. A. They work in perfect harmony. It was decided that a colored chapter would be formed. We had a very successful meeting and hope that the like will soon be repeated.

Several of our boys, who are now in training at Camp Lee, were home Saturday and Sunday, visiting parents and friends.

Rev. R. G. Adams, ex-pastor of the First Baptist Church was in the city last week. He attended the banquet given by the K. of P. to their new members at the Odd Fellows' Hall on Third street.

Mr. Richard Hilton, who has been in the Pullman service in New York City, arrived home Sunday and will leave for Camp Lee Monday.

The residence of Mrs. Sarah Pankey, on Fourth street, was entirely destroyed by fire last week.

WINCHESTER NOTES.

Winchester, Va., Nov. 25.—Mr. James F. Robinson, of Applepie Ridge has taken an apartment on P street, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. George Cooke, of W. Main street, was buried from John Mann street, on Monday afternoon, Nov. 19th, by Rev. J. T. Reed officiating. Mr. Cooke was a very popular young gentleman and leaves a wife and a host of friends. He was a trustee of the above named church, a position which he filled creditably for a number of years. The church has lost a good member, the community a good citizen and we mourn the loss, although we believe our loss is his gain.

The Ladies Aid was entertained by Miss Nancy Fletcher, at her home on S. Braddock street, on Friday last and everyone had a splendid time.

The home of Mrs. Barnett, on Fort Hill was the scene of a pretty wedding on Thursday night, when her sister, Mrs. Ella Gilbert and Mr. John Allen were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock by the Rev. G. O. Wing, of St. Paul A. M. E. Church. The wedding was a quiet affair, only relatives and personal friends being present. They will make their home on E. Piccadilly street.

Rev. J. Luther Martin, the evangelist of Washington, D. C. is visiting his mother and brother on N. Main street.

Mr. William Wilkerson was home for a short time with his wife, on his way to Florida, where he is headwaiter at a large hotel.

Mrs. A. M. Fitzgerald's home on N. Main street, was badly damaged by fire on Monday morning. The loss amounted to \$200, which was covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Phillips have returned home from visiting Mrs. Emily Morris, on S. Market street.

Mrs. Robert Davis, assisted by a committee of young ladies, gave a combination supper in the lecture room of John Mann Church, Thursday.

Woman's Day will be the all-day attraction at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church on Sunday. Mrs. Fannie Douglas, president of the ladies, promises a fine program. Come and see them.

Mr. S. N. Giles arrived in town on Monday to report for service in the United States Army. Mr. Giles is another young Pythian who was drawn to fight for democracy. Good luck to him.

Miss Rosa Harmon has been selected to lead the chorus of one hundred young ladies for the Y. P. Bazaar on Tuesday night. Miss Harmon is a wonderful singer and a talented musician, so everybody is guaranteed a rare treat on Tuesday. The committee under the able leadership of Miss S. Emma Parks, has spared no pains to make this a great success. Miss Virginia Harmon will preside at the piano.

Miss Edna Davis, who has been visiting in Washington, D. C. has returned. Miss Davis is a teacher in Douglas Graded School in this city. Miss Mary Louise Mitchell is out again after being ill for some time.

Mrs. Mary Webster has returned to her home in Parkersburg, W. Va. While here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Jefferson on W. German street. She also visited friends in Washington, Baltimore and other Eastern cities.

Rev. Fisher and Deacon William Good were in Martinsburg Saturday and Sunday, attending the quarterly meeting.

Rev. Benjamin Layton, of Millwood, held communion services on Sunday at the Shiloh Church, on Kent street.

WINCHESTER NOTES.

Winchester, Va.—Mrs. Andrew J. Cooke has been on the sick list, but is able to be out again.

Mr. Aaron Harper has returned from visiting relatives and friends from Connelysville and Pittsburgh, Pa. She was gone quite awhile and had a nice time.

Mrs. George E. Cooke is visiting her daughters and son at Bethel, Va. Mrs. Burrell and her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Wilkerson, of E. Pall Mall, have left for Baltimore, Md., to spend the winter.

Mrs. Emma Morris announces the engagement of her daughter, Jessie Emily, and James F. Goins, of Martinsburg, W. Va.

The young people's bazaar of Mt. Carmel Church was a huge success. The amount taken in was \$65.00, for which we thank everybody for helping us, and we hope the Lord will bless you. Miss Rosa Harmon is secretary.

It is with much regret the Winchester news went unpublished last week in the Planet, as I like my patrons to see the news each week. I don't know if the train was late or not, as I sent it on Tuesday morning, anyway they will get it this week. Fuel is still very scarce here, but we hope for a relief soon.

It was with much pleasure when opening our morning mail we found where our honored and esteemed Grand Chancellor, Sir John Mitchell, Jr., had honored Shenandoah Lodge 209, K. of P., by making our worthy brother, Sir Henry H. Bartlett, deputy over this district. We are under many obligations for this special honor and our brother also appreciates the position.

Miss Mary Willis, of North Main returned home on Saturday from Memorial hospital, where she underwent an operation for Appendicitis. Her many friends will be glad to hear of her improvement, and wish for her a speedy recovery.

The stewards of John Mann Church started their annual bazaar on Monday night to continue a week.

Masters Madison Brisco and Brisco Jennings will spend Thanksgiving holidays in Carlisle, Pa. with Mrs. Elmina Brisco.



Rev. W. E. Pettus' vision of the Holy Bible, showing God's divine approval of his ministry. Rev. Pettus has been in the school of Christ for thirty and three long years. He has learned of Christ and is now able to teach the world the way of salvation.

What is the Bible? The Bible is the word of God. In it He makes known His character and will, together with His ways. It is given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is profitable for all, teaching men what to believe, showing them in what they are wrong and instructing them in what is right. Although given by men, God directed them what to write and how to write. That as a rule of faith and guide to pro-

tection, a knowledge of this Book is more to be desired than fine gold. For in understanding, believing and obeying, there is promised great reward, both on earth and in Heaven.

Rev. W. E. Pettus' doors have been open for prayer for seven years in Richmond, but people come very slowly to the house of prayer. Christ told the reason why. He said because their deeds are evil; the open Bible throws light on sin and the sinner will run away.

Come Thursday evening at seven o'clock and Sunday at five o'clock. The master fully explains the Bible free of charge, number 1700 Second Street Road. Phone Randolph 5627. Either call or come.

BALTIMORE NOTES

Baltimore, November 14.—Despite the decision of the United States Supreme Court abrogating residence segregation laws, there is an element of whites here who believe that a way be found to circumvent the decision. Among these are Mayor Preston and City Solicitor Fields. Fields has announced that he will have to study the decision before giving in opinion thereon.

In the meantime, the local segregation law is in force. Sidney Burrell, was haled into the Southwestern Police Court on Wednesday of last week charged with moving into 1615 W. Lexington St., which segregationists want to construe as being in a white block. The 1600 block of Lexington street, is bisected by a small street, and Burrell moved into the part which only has white residents. His case came up before the grand jury Monday, but at the request of Deputy State's Attorney Marchant consideration was postponed until the Court of Appeals decided some cases before it involving the legality of the local law.

Baltimore was the first city to enact a segregation law. The law had to be redrafted several times, however, to meet adverse decisions by Maryland courts. Its operation here has resulted in the redrawing of residence districts among colored people and a big rise in rents and in properties that the "colored people" wanted to buy.

In well informed legal circles there exists the general opinion that the law invades property and personal rights which have been upheld for centuries under the old English common law.

The colored people are highly elated over the decision, as the inspiration of the law has given rise to much prejudice against the race and caused race clamor that daily newspapers here have only been too glad to foster.

The decision means that the attempt to prevent Morgan College from locating in the suburbs and the development of a colored residence section at Govan's suburb, will fall. The Y. M. C. A. was forced by segregationists to abandon a contemplated site.

Baltimore, Md., November 22.—Julius C. Johnson, prominent for years in the councils of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America, died at his home, 1234 Elting street last Sunday morning following an illness of more than nine months.

The deceased was taken ill with pleurisy last winter. Pus collected in his side, and he was taken to John Hopkins hospital for treatment. While relieved somewhat he never was able to attend to his business as a caterer. The hope was expressed by his hosts of friends in various parts of the country that he would get well, but his condition steadily grew worse. He began to sink last week, and died Sunday morning.

The deceased was born in Anne Arundel county, Md., in January, 1865. He had lived in Baltimore for years. For seventeen years he was headwaiter at Gatzert's Hotel and later went into the catering business. He was a family man in the truest sense of the word and accumulated some property.

Mr. Johnson joined Humane Lodge of Odd Fellows 35 years ago. He took a deep interest in the Order and it was not many years before he was elected Grand Master for Maryland. He had served as a national grand officer and when the Biennial movable committee met here in 1910 he was elected Grand treasurer, succeeding Benjamin J. Davis of Atlanta. He was elected national deputy grand master in 1914, and was filling that office at the time of his death.

POPULAR IN ORDER.

During all the strife that has existed since 1912 between the Edward H. Morris and B. J. Davis forces of the Order he has managed to keep friendly on both sides. He was a trusted ally, however, of the Morris faction. Grand Master Edward H. Morris and other prominent members of the fraternity had visited him several times during his illness.

The deceased leaves a widow, who was Miss Lillie V. Matthews. His father, Mr. William Johnson, three sons, John, Julius, C. Jr., and Goldsboro brothers, Daniel, Benjamin Nicholas and John Johnson and four sisters, Mesdames Margaret Richard son, Cornelia Ennis, Airey Harris and Rachel Hayward, are among the surviving relatives.

The funeral took place at St. Memorial M. E. Church, of which the deceased was a prominent member, Wednesday afternoon. For the two hours preceding the services the remains lay in State, hundreds of persons filing past the bier of the dead lodgeman.

Rev. M. J. Naylor delivered the principal eulogy. Prominent Odd Fellows from various parts of the country were in attendance. Interment was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Baltimore, November 22.—The fiftieth anniversary of Morgan College will be celebrated next week. The annual session of the Maryland Colored State Teachers' Association will be held here next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. H. S. McCard has been elected president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In the course of a sermon at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday night, Rev. W. Sampson Brooks scored the double standard of morals which makes a woman's sin appear worse than those of a man.

Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson completed his forty fifth year as pastor of Union Baptist Church Sunday.

F. F. JOHNSON

Baltimore, Md.—Gough McDaniels, a teacher in the colored high school, has received a commission as first lieutenant in the army, and will leave for Fort Riley, Kansas, this Saturday.

He attended the Officers' Training Camp at Des Moines, but left one month before the final closing. He would have received a captaincy, it is said, had he remained until the end.

A large audience turned out at

Bethel A. M. E. Church on Thursday evening of last week to hear the pastor, the Rev. W. Sampson Brooks, deliver an interesting lecture on "What a Black Man Saw in a White Man's Country." The lecture abounded in interesting sidelight on his visit to the Arctic regions, Europe and the Holy Land. The singing of a solo by Joseph Hamer so thrilled former Congressman James W. Denny that he presented the church a check for fifty dollars.

The Annapolis District Conference is in session at John Wesley M. E. Church. The Rev. C. G. Cummings is presiding and the Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon is the entertaining pastor.

Leading colored men and women are making a big drive to secure a thousand by the time the semi-centennial will be celebrated during the latter of the month. Whites have promised \$50,000.

James R. Biddle, well known in local political and fraternal circles, died here a few days ago. He was 75 years of age.

The Joint Stock Association of the Order of Good Hope has just declared a dividend of \$1,400. The Grand Council of the Order is now in session, with Grand Master William G. Price presiding.

F. F. JOHNSON.

628 North Eutaw Street.

Richmond Planet, Richmond, Va.

Dear Editor:—Enclosed find one dollar and fifty cents for your paper which to my mind is one of the great est papers along many lines in this country. While you are rather drastic in some things, yet I am sure you are doing a great good for the race in newsgathering and spreading information concerning the doings of the Negro race that could not be gotten otherwise. God Bless you.

As corresponding Secretary of the Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, I wish to thank you for so much valuable information that I have been enabled to get through your Journal. As an old experienced editor you know how to gather news to interest the people, and that too with profit to them. While the paper is sensational, yet it is well laden with rich race building information.

Since communicating with you in these columns, it has been my privilege to travel and represent our National Baptist educational work in the States of Indiana, Ill., Pa., New York and New Jersey.

I am now in La., and hope to be in Ark. next week after next. I am gathering information concerning our Baptist educational strength all over the country. There is more than two hundred Baptist schools and colleges in this country, operated in the interest of the Negro Baptist, but the dull minded disposition of the heads of these schools make it very hard for me to gather the facts of their strength and doing for the information and inspiration of the public.

In my last report was shown more than one hundred schools, with an average of 525, containing 195 buildings, 39 brick and 8 stone buildings. The student body numbered 9658. Ministerial students 990 studying the Bible 470. School property valued at \$1,807,620.

THE NATIONAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

For the first time in the history of America, a real Negro Baptist full fledged, Theological Seminary and Bible Training School was organized at Memphis, Tenn., October 2nd, 1916. The curriculum and faculty was provided and arranged and more than seventy ministerial students matriculated on that day of opening. During the session ninety one ministers enrolled and ten women for missionary training, thus making one hundred and one for the entire session. God is with us and the National Seminary is a reality. The second session opened on November 5th. Prof. T. O. Fuller, D. D., LL. D., is dean of Theology and Mrs. Broughton is heading the women's department. God bless the Seminary.

A. R. GRIGGS.

1724 Hall St., Dallas Texas.

ABSURD AND VICIOUS.

Rumors as to Government Confiscation of Deposits So Described by McAdoo.

Circulation on many absurd and vicious rumors recently, which include the suggestion that the United States government proposes to confiscate money on deposit in banks is believed to have been caused by Pro-German influences. This report is similar to many others which have been circulated within the past two months. Federal secret service agents have been conducting a vigorous investigation into the origin of the rumors, because of their reactionary effect.

[Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has just wired George J. Seay, governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond as follows:

"Among the many absurd and vicious rumors put into circulation these days, probably through Pro-German influences, is one that the United States proposes to confiscate money on deposit in banks. The absurdity of the statement is obvious on its face. These rumors are wholly without foundation and probably circulated for an evil purpose. The government has no power to confiscate the money of depositors in banks."

LONESOME IN HAWAII.

Schofield, Barracks, H. I., 11-16-17. Editor Richmond Planet: We are very lonesome in far-off Hawaii and would like some, or rather the true-hearted girls of our race to write us. Will you kindly inform them, and oblige. We are,

SERGEANT ST. CLAUDE HAYS, CORP. H. WILLIAMS, CORP. H. WILLIAMS, CORP. H. JONES, CORP. B. BUFORD, Company L 25th Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, H. T.